

## Calendar

**Monday**

JUNE 10

*Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church*

Gn 3:9–15, 20 or

Acts 1:12–14

Jn 19:25–34

**Tuesday**

JUNE 11

*St. Barnabas, Apostle*

Acts 11:21b–26; 13:1–7

Mt 5:13–16

**Wednesday**

JUNE 12

*Weekday*

2 Cor 3:4–11

Mt 5:17–19

**Thursday**

JUNE 13

*St. Anthony of Padua,*

*Priest and Doctor  
of the Church*

2 Cor 3:15–4:1, 3–6

Mt 5:20–26

**Friday**

JUNE 14

*Weekday*

2 Cor 4:7–15

Mt 5:27–32

**Saturday**

JUNE 15

*Weekday*

2 Cor 5:14–21

Mt 5:33–37

**Sunday**

JUNE 16

*Most Holy Trinity*

Prv 8:22–31

Rom 5:1–5

Jn 16:12–15

# Dear Padre,

## What's the significance of the Holy Spirit? Why wasn't the Spirit more present to Jesus during his life?

Confused? You're not alone. To many, the Holy Spirit is the least-understood member of the Trinity, but there are insights to be gleaned from Scriptures.

The Spirit is prominent in the Old Testament, with many references. The "Spirit of God" is alternately seen as a divine force in the world, or as God

himself acting upon the earth or individual lives. In Genesis, this force is active at the creation. History, too, is affected by the Spirit, or "presence" of the Lord (Exodus 33:14–17). The Spirit is imparted to patriarchs, prophets, kings, and individuals who will shape history for the covenant people: Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Gideon, David, Ruth.

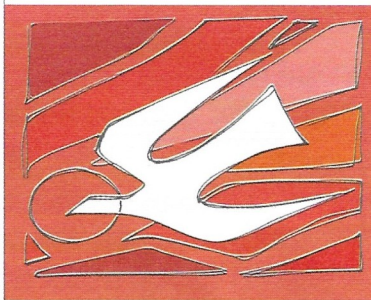
The Spirit is also evident in the New Testament. The Spirit "overshadows" the

Virgin Mary (Luke 1:35) and inspires the prophecy of John the Baptist (John 1:26). The Spirit is an integral part of Jesus' mission, beginning with his baptism in the Jordan (Matthew 3:13–17; Mark 1:9–11; Luke 3:21–22). By the Spirit's power, Jesus expels demons and heals the sick (Matthew 12:28; Luke 11:20). The Spirit is resurrected Jesus' gift to the apostles (John 20:22). Jesus' mission is complete when he sends the Spirit to the church at Pentecost (Acts 1:8; 2:1–4).

This brief review doesn't mean the mystery of the Spirit can be easily solved. God can't be fully explained, even by Scripture. Mystery invites trust, not comprehension! It's only when we give ourselves entirely to the Spirit's power in our lives that we begin to understand the significance of the Holy Spirit.

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### A Word from Pope Francis

*The Holy Spirit is the fire of love burning in the Church and in our hearts, even though we often cover him with the ash of our sins. Let us ask him: Spirit of God, Lord, who dwell in my heart and in the heart of the Church, guiding and shaping her in diversity, come!*

—Pentecost Mass, June 4, 2017



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